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Title: ADJUSTABLE HINGES FOR ORTHOPEDIC SPINTS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2002. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-15, 17 and 22-25 have been allowed. Claims 4, 16, 18-20 and 26 have been rejected and Claim 21 is objected to. Responsive to the Office Action please amend the above identified patent application as shown in the attached marked-up and clean copies of the amended claims.

REMARKS

Amendment has been made to the specification and to Claims 1, 17, 21 and 22 to correct the informalities noted on page 2 of the Office action.

Amendment has been made to Claims 4, 16 and 26 in response to the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 on page 3 of the Office action. The §112 rejections are believed overcome by these amendments.

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